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Welcome

We welcome you today whatever your reason for coming



Morning Worship

Sunday 16th August 2020 11.00am with Love Feast led by Revd. Tony Miles, Superintendent Minister

Preacher:

Revd. Dr. Hugh Osgood Free Churches Moderator & President of Churches Together in England

Acts 26:24-32

'A Testimony From Lockdown'

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INSPIRING SCRIPTURE COUNTDOWN

WELCOME TO ONLINE CHURCH

LIVE STREAM WELCOME & INTRODUCTION Revd Tony Miles (Chapel & Zoom)

VIDEO CALL TO WORSHIP Let Us Praise Him - Hyper Pixels Media

VIDEO SONG - Light Of The World You Stepped Down Into Darkness

STF 175

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness, opened my eyes, let me see beauty that made this heart adore You, hope of a life spent with You.

So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God; and You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy, altogether wonderful to me.

King of all days, oh so highly exalted, glorious in heaven above. Humbly You came to the earth You created, all for love's sake became poor.

Refrain

And I'll never know how much it cost To see my sin upon that cross. (Repeat)

Refrain

Tim Hughes (born 1978) © 2000 Thankyou Music/Adm.

OPENING PRAYERS - (Zoom) Led by Deacon Ali McMillan

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please join in using your own language or the version you prefer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

VIDEO CLIP - Puppets 'Hymn and Her!'
Charlie & Roz Bushell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Revd. Tony Miles, Superintendent Minister - (Chapel)

LESSON Acts 26:24-32 TNIV
Read Ynes Lightfoot-Taylor - Church Steward - (Zoom)

²⁴ At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defence. 'You are out of your mind, Paul!' he shouted. 'Your great learning is driving you insane.' ²⁵ 'I am not insane, most excellent Festus,' Paul replied. 'What I am saying is true and reasonable. ²⁶ The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner. ²⁷ King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do.' ²⁸ Then

Agrippa said to Paul, 'Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?'

²⁹ Paul replied, 'Short time or long – I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.'

³⁰ The king rose, and with him the governor and Bernice and those sitting with them.

³¹ After they left the room, they began saying to one another, 'This man is not doing anything that deserves death or imprisonment.'

³² Agrippa said to Festus, 'This man could have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.'

VIDEO SONG - Open The Eyes Of My Heart Lord

STF 451

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see you, I want to see you. Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see you, I want to see you.

(Repeat)

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory. Pour out your pow'r and love; as we sing holy, holy, holy

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

> Paul Baloche (born 1962) © 1997 Integrity Music/Adm. by Kingswaysongs

SERMON 'A Testimony From Lockdown'

Revd. Dr. Hugh Osgood Free Churches Moderator and President of Churches Together in England

VIDEO HYMN - And Can It Be STF 345

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies! Who can explore his strange design? In vain the first-born seraph tries To sound the depths of love divine. 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore, Let angel minds enquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above -So free, so infinite his grace -Emptied himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray I woke, the dungeon flamed with light,
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine! Alive in him, my living head, And clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach the eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - (Zoom)

Led by Mr. Bob Bartindale - Officer for Worship & Local Preachers, Connexional Office

GLOBAL GREETINGS

LOVE FEAST

Led by Revd. Tony Miles, Superintendent Minister

VIDEO HYMN - And Are We Yet Alive

STF 456

And are we yet alive, And see each other's face? Glory and praise to Jesus give For his redeeming grace!

Preserved by power divine To full salvation here, Again in Jesu's praise we join, And in his sight appear.

What troubles have we seen, What conflicts have we passed, Fightings without, and fears within, Since we assembled last!

But out of all the Lord Hath brought us by his love; And still he doth his help afford, And hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast Of his redeeming power, Which saves us to the uttermost, Till we can sin no more.

Let us take up the cross, Till we the crown obtain; And gladly reckon all things loss, So we may Jesus gain.

Praise ye the Lord, alleluia! Praise ye the Lord, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Praise ye the Lord!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

OFFER CONTACT EMAIL & HEALING PRAYER TEAM
Revd. Tony Miles, Superintendent Minister - (Chapel)

THE BLESSING

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Édouard Commette – 'Scherzo' Mr Gerard Brooks, Director Of Music, MCHW

The Flowers have been given by RICHARD and EDDIE (EDWINA) VINCENT on marking their Golden Wedding Anniversary yesterday, 15th August. They are both Local Preachers living near Maidstone who have been worshipping with MCHW every Sunday during lockdown. Today they hope to be worshipping in St. John's Church, Yeovil, Somerset where they married.

If you would like to make your offering – please go to www.give.net/mchw

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